THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) Government has taken appropriate action against the polluters as per the existing rules and regulations pertaining to environment. Central and State Pollution Control Boards and pollution control committees in the Union Territories periodically monitor pollution levels and take necessary action against the defaulters. A number, of cases against the industries are pending in courts including the Supreme Court.

(c) and (d) The order regarding shifting of polluting units has been passed by the Supreme Court recently. While ordering shifting of units, the Court has put necessary conditions including safeguarding the interests of labourers.

महिला विकास निगम की स्थापना

1350. **श्री नागमणि:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या बिहार में महिला विकास निगम की स्थापना कर दी गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितने तथा कौन-कौन से ज़िलों में ऐसे निगम की स्थापना की गई है; और

(ग) इस निगम द्वारा आज की तिथि तक कौन-कौन से कार्य किये गये हैं?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री एस॰ आर॰ बोम्मई): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। बिहार राज्य महिला विकास निगम सम्पूर्ण बिहार राज्य में कार्यरत है।

(ग) निगम ने महिलाओं की शक्ति-सम्पन्नता और आर्थिक विकास के लिए निम्नलिखित स्कीमें शुरू की हैं:—

(i) महिलाओं को सीमान्त धन सहायता।
(ii) हथकरघा साड़ियों और बैगों के निर्माण के लिए प्रशिक्षण-सह-उत्पादन केन्द्र।
(iii) बुनाई और कताई केन्द्र।
(iv) महिलाओं तथा महिला दलों को विपणन सुविधाएं प्रदान करने के लिए आयोजित महिला समृद्धि उत्सव।

Hurdles in the completion of Konkan Railway Project

1351. SHRI THENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI RAJ BABBAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Konkan Railway Project is likely to be completed;

(b) what are the main hurdles leading to delay in completion of the project; and

(c) whether Government have accepted the recommendation of the Committee of M.P.'s on Konkan Railways, if so, action taken so far regarding the implementation of the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The Konkan Railway Project is likely to be completed within the current financial year.

(b) The main reasons for delay in completion of the projects are.

(i) Shortage of funds.
(ii) The slow progress of tunnels in softsoil in Goa area due to unforeseen geological problems.
(iii) Due to rehabilitation of 500 m of high embankment in Cortalim area of Goa sector, which had failed and required extensive remedial measures.

(c) The Government has accepted the recommendations of the Committee of MPs on Konkan Railways. Konkan Railway Corporation has been asked to implement the same as far as possible at this stage.

Vacant SC/ST Posts of Teachers in Central Schools

1352. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of vacant